

10TH National Native Language Summit
Language Sovereignty: Native Languages and Self-Determination
The Clyde Hotel
330 Tijeras Ave NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
October 17, 2023

- 9:00 am** **Opening Prayer/Welcome (20 mins)**
 Cultural Opening
 Dmitry Neezzhoni, Education Specialist, Native Language, Culture, and History, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior
- NIEA Welcome**
 KA'ANO'I WALK, 1ST Vice President, National Indian Education Association Board of Directors
- Christina F. Goodson, Native Language Specialist, National Indian Education Association
- Federal Welcome**
 Elizabeth Hidalgo Reese, Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs, Domestic Policy Council, The White House (Virtual)
- Jeff Hild, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services (Pre-recorded Video)
- 9:20 am** **Native Language Integration to Improve Safety (10 mins)**
 Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs, Department of Transportation
- 9:30 am** **Session 1: Awareness: Raising awareness about the critical endangerment of Native Languages (30 mins)**
 This panel will share ways to create national awareness about the current crises of Native language loss and the urgency for immediate action.
- Dr. Candace Kaleimamoowahinekapu Galla, Associate Professor, Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies (Faculty of Arts) and Department of Language and Literacy Education (Faculty of Education), The University of British Columbia
 - Leslie Harper, President, National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs



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- Namaka Rawlins, Vice-President, National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs
- Mary Linn, Curator of Language and Cultural Vitality, Director, Language Vitality Initiative, Smithsonian Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage

10:00 am

Community Highlight: Sealaska Heritage Institute (30 mins)

The Sealaska Heritage Institute and the success of the Southeast Alaska Native communities in revitalizing Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian languages and preserving cultural practices.

- Dr. Lance Twitchell, professor of Native languages at University of Alaska Southeast, Chairs Sealaska Heritage Institute Regional Native Language Committee

10:30 am

Break (15 mins)

10:45 am

Session 2: Recognition: Understanding the role of the federal government in Native language reclamation (30 mins)

Presenters will discuss current efforts to issue formal policy recognition of the role the U.S. government.

- Naomi Miguel, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education
- Jason Packineau, Strategic Advisor for Native & Indigenous Affairs, National Endowment for the Humanities (Virtual)
- Dr. Samuel Torres, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition
- Dr. Joannie Suina, Development Officer, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition



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- 11:15 am** **Launch of ANA's Native Early Education Initiative (15 mins)**
- Patrice H. Kunesh, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans
- 11:30 am** **Community Highlight: Head Start Tribal College Partnership (30 mins)**
- The Office of Head Start Tribal College Universities partnership with the Navajo Technical University will highlight their Early Childhood Engagement Program along with the newly announced doctoral program and discuss how to build a Preschool-PhD learning environment inclusive of language and culture.
- Jennifer Amaya-Thompson, Content Lead on Culture and Language, Office of Head Start
 - Dr. Colleen Bowman, Provost, Navajo Technical University
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch (90 mins)**
- 1:30 pm** **Session 3: Integration: Recreating Native Language Ecosystems (30 mins)**
- Presenters will discuss the creation of Native language revitalization ecosystems and efforts underway to integrate Native language revitalization into mainstream society.
- Sharon J. Nelson, Assistant Professor and Lecturer of Diné Culture and Language, Navajo Technical University
 - Lawrence A. Shorty, Director, Tribal Colleges and Universities Program, US Department of Agriculture
 - Dr. Ilana Umansky, Associate Professor, College of Education, Education Policy and Leadership, Educational Leadership, Quantitative Research Methods in Education, University of Oregon (Virtual)



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Community Highlight: Lakolya Waoniya (30 mins)

Lakolya Waoniya, which means “Breathing Life into the Lakota language,” is a holistic development experience centered on developing Lakota language fluency and strengthening Lakota lifeways. To revitalize language and culture, this model employs members of the Sicangu Oyate to become fluent Lakota speakers.

- Sarah Hart, Lakolya Waoniya Program Manager, Sicangu CO

2:30 pm

Break (15 mins)

2:45 pm

Session 4: Support: Increasing Financial and other Support (45 mins)

Presenters will identify funding resources for Native language revitalization work, including federal and philanthropic sources.

- Tracy Goodluck, Senior Advisor, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Moderator
- Carmelia Strickland, Director Division of Program Operations, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services
- Julian Guerrero, Director, Office of Indian Education, Department of Education
- Onna LeBeau, Director of Office of Indian Economic Development, Department of the Interior

3:30 pm

Native Language MOA Partner Resource Roundtable (60 mins)

Resources from Native Language MOA partners

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- Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs, Department of Transportation



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- Renee Ferguson, Acting Deputy Director of Native American Partnerships, Office of the Commissioner, Social Security Administration
- Jennifer Himmelreich, Senior Program Officer, Office of Library Services, Discretionary Programs, Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Jason Packineau, Strategic Advisor for Native & Indigenous Affairs, National Endowment for the Humanities
- Brooke Crosby, Special Assistant for Native American Affairs, AmeriCorps

4:30pm

Collective Next Steps/Closing Remarks (10 mins)

- Patrice H. Kunesh, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans

4:40 pm

Closing Prayer/End of Summit